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for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) We provided ref A points to the Office of the Prime Minister and senior officials at the Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs. Dr. Peter Sztaray, Head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department for Security and Non-proliferation, subsequently noted that the Hungarian Government was carefully evaluating a potential increase in the number of its forces in Afghanistan. He stated both Prime Minister Bajnai's December 1-5 trip to Washington and the NATO Ministerial would impact the timing of the decision, but said he was "quite hopeful about a positive outcome." The Hungarian MOD Policy State Secretary, with whom we shared the information, passed the points on to the Minister of Defense.  
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